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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEWS ON MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARDS

1. IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION ON APPLICATION OF BENELUX SAFE-GUARDS CLAUSE TO ITS IMPORTS OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN, MINECON DIRECTOR VERHAGEN OUTLINED TO ECON COUNSELOR CURRENT THINKING ON MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARDS.

2. VERHAGEN SAID DUTCH ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO CONCEPT OF MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT HOPEFULLY TO BE ACHIEVED DURING MTN. MAIN POINT FOR DUTCH IS THAT AGREEMENT MUST PERMIT SAFEGUARDS TO BE APPLIED SELECTIVELY AGAINST INDIVIDUAL SUPPLYING COUNTRIES RATHER THAN ON MFN BASIS. DUTCH ACCEPT PRINCIPLE THAT SAFEGUARDS SHOULD BE APPLIED FOR ONLY LIMITED PERIOD AND ONLY IN CASES OF DEMONSTRABLE DISRUPTION OF HOME MARKETS OR UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES.

3. ONE PROBLEM FOR DUTCH IS THAT GON DOES NOT YET HAVE ADEQUATE LEGISLATION TO COVER INDUSTRIAL REORIENTATION
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